

House Resolution No. 4738

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, seventy-one years ago Earnest Ferrell of Torch took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Nellie Roundtree of Naylor, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony on December 30, 1933, which was performed by N.Y. Gary in Naylor; and

Whereas, seven decades later Earnest and Nellie Ferrell of Doniphan will observe their Seventy-first Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends at the Current River Nursing Center; and

Whereas, the marital union of Earnest and Nellie Ferrell has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, John and Shirley Ferrell, Thurma and Ellen Cozad, and Jim and Patricia Ferrell; ten grandchildren; and nineteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, down through the years Earnest Ferrell supported his family through his activities as a heavy equipment operator, while Nellie Ferrell ensured that their home was warm and inviting through her labors as a housewife who continues to enjoy quilting, sewing, and cooking; and

Whereas, Earnest and Nellie Ferrell will use the occasion of their Seventy-first Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Earnest and Nellie Ferrell during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Earnest and Nellie Ferrell and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Seventy-first Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Earnest and Nellie Ferrell of Doniphan, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4738, adopted January 3, 2005.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker